In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 16, line 35, to page 17, line 4 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 6 shows deduced nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of PVS3 genomic clone, with a portion of deduced promoter and coding regions shown. Amino acid sequences are indicated below the nucleotide sequences by which they are encoded. Non-coding regions are indicated by lower case letters. Stop codons are marked with asterisks. **(nucleotide is disclosed as nucleotides 1-3420 of SEQ ID NO: 40; protein disclosed as residues 1-197 of SEQ ID NO: 41)**

Please delete the paragraph on page 17, lines 5-9 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 7 shows deduced nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of PVS3 genomic clone, with a portion of coding region and untranslated region shown. Amino acid sequences are indicated below the nucleotide sequences by which they are encoded. Non-coding regions are indicated by lower case letters. Stop codons are marked with asterisks. **(nucleotide is disclosed as nucleotides 3421-5236 of SEQ ID NO: 40; protein disclosed as residues 198-551 of SEQ ID NO: 41)**

Please delete the paragraph on page 17, lines 21-27 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 10 Luciferase activity by the treatment with hyphal wall components (HWC) elicitor or water in electroporated potato protoplasts. (A) Construc of Luc gene for transient assay using *PVS3* promoter region. **(SEQ ID NOS 42 & 43 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)** In (B), 35S represents luciferase activity when CaMV 35S promoter region was used, HWC represents that activity when the deduced promoter region was used

and HWC treatment was performed, and Water represents that activity when water treatment was performed instead of HWC treatment.

Please delete the paragraph on page 17, lines 28-29 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 11 Schematic representation of the construct of *PVS3* promoter. GUS reporter gene. **(SEQ ID NOS 44 & 45 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)**

Please delete the paragraph on page 18, lines 31-32 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 21 shows the sequence of coding region of MEK gene (MEK) **(SEQ ID NO: 5)** of potato plant and deduced amino acid sequence **(SEQ ID NO: 6)** encoded by the MEK gene.

Please delete the paragraph on page 18, lines 33-34 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 22 shows the sequence of coding region of constantly active form of MEK gene **(SEQ ID NO: 7)** ($StMEK^{DD}$) and deduced amino acid sequence **(SEQ ID NO: 8)** encoded by the MEK gene.

Please delete the paragraph on page 19, lines 9-10 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 25 shows the construction of a binary vector including PVS promoter region used in the transient assay. GUS gene includes introns. **(SEQ ID NOS 46 & 47 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)**

Please delete the paragraph on page 19, lines 28-31 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 29 shows the nucleotide sequence and deletion position from pPVS3-1 to pPVS3-10 of PVS3 promoter. Sequence between -1,337 and -1,287, where cis-sequence is expected to lie, is shown by bold letters, and deduced TATA box and CAAT box are enclosed in square. **(nucleotide is disclosed as nucleotides 1-2700 of SEQ ID NO: 40; protein disclosed as residues 1-17 of SEQ ID NO: 41)**